

Business Archives Council for Scotland

- Established in 1960
- Independent archive body
- Preservation of records of Scottish business and industry
- Consultancy for organisations and businesses
- Surveying of business archives
- Rescue of business archives
- Promoting business archives as corporate assets
- Conferences and events to raise awareness
- Journal *Scottish Business & Industrial History*



Reactionary

A photograph of a cluttered workshop or office space. The room is filled with stacks of paper, cardboard, and other materials. In the foreground, there is a large pile of paper on the floor. The background shows a desk with a chair and more stacks of paper. The lighting is dim, and the overall atmosphere is one of disarray and clutter.

1989: Scott Lithgow Ltd
offices, Shipbuilders,
Glasgow (Ballast Trust)

Proactive



c.1917: engraving department
of Barr & Stroud Ltd during
WW1 (University of Glasgow
Archive Services)

Thematic Surveys

- Museum collections
- Data Mapping Project
- Minority business communities
- Family business
- Oldest businesses

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National Strategy for Business Archives in Scotland

- I. To raise awareness amongst businesses of the value of archives and provide guidance and support.
- II. To increase the number of collections publicly accessible.
- III. To raise the profile of business archives with the public.
- IV. To raise standards in their care.

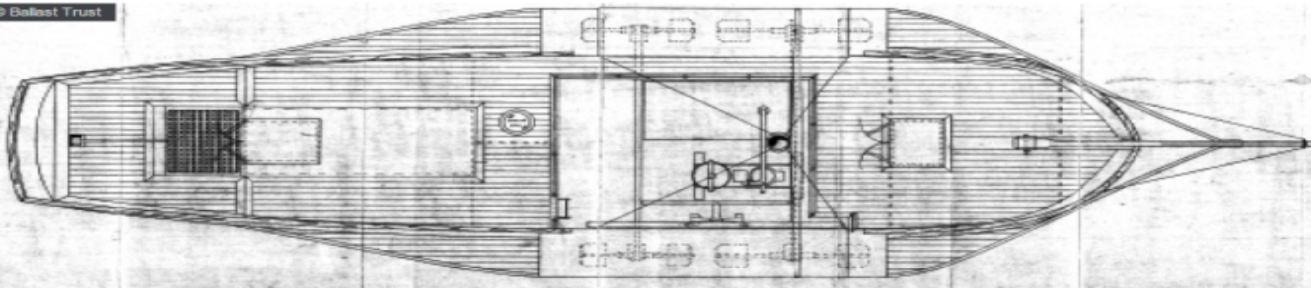


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Scottish Business Archive Case Studies

Browse case studies highlighting the inspiring and valuable contributions Scottish business archives make to learning, industry and creative pursuits:

- [Upper Clyde Shipbuilders Collection](#) - *archivists and liquidators working in partnership to save key business records for the nation*
- [Stoddard-Templeton Collection](#) - *inspiring designers through business records*
- [The Bartholomew Archive](#) - *art and the business archive*
- [Standard Life](#) - *creating an inspirational and invaluable business resource*
- [Tasglann nan Eilean Siar \(Hebridean Archives\)](#) - *supporting local business in your community*
- [Tasglann nan Eilean Siar - A' toirt taic dha gnothaichean ionadail sna h-Eileanan Siar](#)
- [The Royal Bank of Scotland's 'Archive Taster Weeks'](#) - *providing work experience in a business archive*
- [Dundee Whaling Project](#) - *partnership working across the heritage sector*
- [The Royal Bank of Scotland and National Library of Scotland UNESCO's UK Memory of the World Register](#) - *business archives of national importance*
- [John Murray Archive](#) - *celebrating the history of the book*

Business Assets

Case Studies

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**LLOYDS
BANKING
GROUP**



Standard Life

Unique Resource

- Governance & Accountability
- Company anniversaries
- Customer & staff relations
- Community & corporate memory
- Marketing & advertising
- Staff training
- Accountability & Transparency
- Brand protection
- Brand Identity & Knowledge
- Product Innovation
- Design & Gifting.....



Business Assets

- Key member of staff
- Media, anniversaries, 'Our History'
- Expand collections: Oral History, Engage staff and the community
- Retention Schedules
- Social Media content
- Encourage creators to look after their own records



Assets to Archives



c.1965: Hanging and Varnishing
Bartholomew's Wall Maps
(National Library of Scotland)



University
of Glasgow

Stoddard-Templeton Collection

Inspiration for researchers



United Turkey Red Co Ltd

Revenue stream





Documenting industry & community
collective memory
Oral history of workers expand on
collections

The Jute textile industry & Dundee

19th century 50,000 people employed in
mills



Crisis Management

- Working with liquidators
- Edinburgh Gazette
- Partnerships with colleagues
- Sorting facilities: Ballast Trust
- Promote within the business sector

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Advocacy

- Outreach
- Training
- Partnerships
- Funding
- Documentation initiatives



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Advisory

- Encourage business history to be collected
- Types of records to collect
- Look to the future....
- Changing business sector
- Digital records
- Retention schedules for new businesses
- Scottish Business History Network

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[http://www.scottisharchives.org.uk/projects/
business_archives/national_strategy](http://www.scottisharchives.org.uk/projects/business_archives/national_strategy)

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<http://www.gla.ac.uk/services/archives/bacs/>

